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Sunday, July 14, 2019 | 4th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 3 – Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils
Apostle Aquila of the Seventy (1st c.) Venerable Stephen, Abbot of Makhrishche
(Vologda – 1406). Martyr Justus at Rome (1st c.)

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Weekly Schedule

Today: Welcome Archbishop MARK

Congratulations to the Readers Michael McCartney and Daniel Kenneth Kavalkovich on their ordinations! AXIOS!

Saturday: July 20 – Holy Prophet Elijah

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Sunday: July 21 – Prophet Ezekiel
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: July 21 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the church basement Sunday school room.

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world // great mercy.

Troparion (Tone 8 – Holy Fathers)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God! / Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them Thou hast guided us to the true Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Kontakion (Tone 3)

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, / leading us from the gates of death. / On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; / with the Prophets and Patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Kontakion (Tone 8 – Holy Fathers)

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. / Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, // it defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

Prokeimenon (Tone 3)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
v. Clap your hands, all ye people! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Prokeimenon (Tone 4 – Songs of the Fathers)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

Epistle Reading: Romans 6:18-23

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 3)

- v. In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.
Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Be Thou a God of protection of me, a house of refuge in order to save me.
Alleluia (3x's)
- v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Alleluia (3x's) (TONE 1)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:5-13

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it. When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright! Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: Today's readings for the Holy Fathers are as follows:
Epistle – Hebrews 13:7-16 and Gospel – John 17:1-13*

Announcements

A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

Announcements

Now that the Fourth of July has passed, it time for the next great American event...

“Getting ready to go Back to School”

With this in mind, the parish is looking to put together ten backpacks this year. The parish is looking for donations of back packs and school supplies. A list of items will be made available shortly for those who wish to donate to this annual project. For more information, please see one of the Parish Council members. Thank You!

Parish Restoration Project:

Please visit the parish website and click on the Restoration Project section to read a brief note on the additional work needed to restore the parish. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time, at your convenience, and providing the talents God has given you, please contact anyone on the Parish Council or the Property Committee to schedule a date, time, and task. Thank

AMAZON SMILE!

When ordering online on Amazon.com, please make sure to click on Amazon Smile and select our church - Assumption of the Holy Virgin Russian Orthodox Church - to have a small percentage of your purchases (0.5%) to be contributed to our church. For more information on the Amazon purchase process, please speak with any member of the parish council. Thank You!

Wool Donations:

The Parish is now accepting either actual donations of wool or monetary donations to purchase wool to knit blankets and hats. Please see Dr. Janine McCartney for more details on this project!

Cookbook Sale:

The parish cookout, *At Our Table*, is for sale in the church basement and also on Amazon.com website. Please speak with Dr. Janine McCartney for more information on the parish cookbooks.

New padlocks have been installed around the church. Please see Emily Gerasimoff to exchange your old key (or set of keys) for a new key to the new padlocks. Thank You!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Mary Popelak, Mary Ann Brodie offered by the DeVito Family
Family and Friends offered by Nina Patterson
Reader Michael McCartney offered by his wife Dr. Janine McCartney
M/M Simon Herbert offered by the Pellack Family
M/M Albert Kavalkovich offered by the Pellack Family

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Maxim Herbert, Mary Herbert and Joseph Herbert offered by M/M Herbert
Stanley Walzelek offered by M/M Herbert
Irene and David Glovach offered by brother Joseph Rabik
Andrew, Helen Albert, Marion, Anna offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Michael Popelak offered by the DeVito Family
Paul and Mary Koran offered by Pellack Family

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 7/14/19:

One Large Votive Cross – Health of the Reader Michael McCartney on his ordination to the Holy Diaconate offered by Dr. Janine McCartney.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Grace Corba; Catherine Kavalkovich; Ronald Kavalkovich (on his continuous recovery); Matushka Jan Kozak (recovery after knee surgery); Sheba Patton; Margaret Pellack; Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!

Announcements (cont.)

Coffee Hour / Cleaning and Epistle / Hours Reading Schedule.

We now have an established full rotating schedule for the Coffee Hour & Cleaning, and the Hours & Epistle Readings. The Reading schedule sheets will be posted quarterly on the bulletin board in the church basement. The Coffee Hour/Cleaning schedule is in a binder located on the display case.

*****Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon*****

In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. The special collections are as follows:

- First Sunday of every month – Kitchen Fund Project
- Second Sunday of every month – Youth Fund (*reactivated July 2018*)
- Third Sunday of every month - Restoration/Maintenance Fund
- Fourth Sunday of every month – Charity Giving

Note: if there is a Fifth Sunday during a month, the special collection is earmarked for the Kitchen Fund Project, unless otherwise noted and stated by the Parish Council.

Cash Flow Activity (June/July)

	<u>Week of July 1 to July 7</u>	<u>June Month (Unaudited)</u>
Attendance:	47	41 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,534.31	\$ 11,687.61
Funds Out:	\$ 3,631.08	\$ 3,953.20
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 1,096.77)	\$ 7,734.41

Thank you all for your continuous offerings to maintain the parish!

Shop Rite Gift Cards: If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see David Pellack to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card is an additional fundraising project that helps support the church at no additional expense to the purchaser.

Calendar of Events

1st Sunday of each month – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
2nd Tuesday of each month – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.
2nd Sunday of each month – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.
3rd Sunday of each month – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
4th Sunday of each month – Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.

TODAY – Archbishop MARK Visitation

His Eminence, Archbishop MARK, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania will be visiting our parish and serving in a full pontifical Divine Liturgy.
His visit is in coordination with the ordination of the Reader Michael McCartney to the Holy Diaconate AND the ordination of the Reader Daniel Kenneth Kavalkovich to SubDeacon. AXIOS! AXIOS! AXIOS!

Sunday, July 21 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church School Room! (2nd 3rd Sunday this month – Please Note Change in Date)! All property committee members are asked to attend this important meeting. Discussions will include the work to repair the roof and wall as a result of the action taken during the Spring General Parish Meeting.

Monday, August 5 – Vespersal Divine Liturgy for the Feast Day of the Transfiguration of our Lord at 6:00PM!

Father Mark will bless Fruit (and vegetables) after the service.

Bible Study – Tuesday, August 13 at 6:30pm in the church basement.

The Bible Study Group will gather together at this time and will continue the readings and discussing the section in the Bible – The Books of **Samuel**.

Saturday, August 24 – 3:00PM – Back Pack Assembly

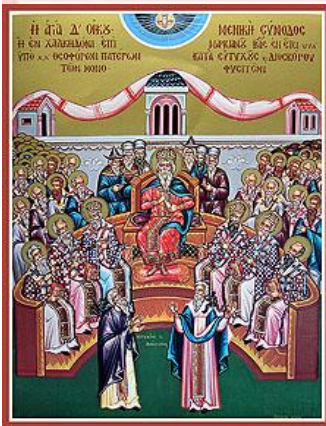
On this date the parish is looking for volunteers to put together all of the school supplies and package them in the back packs. No need to sign up. Just show up earlier for Vespers that Saturday and assist in organizing the school backpacks.

A Saturday in September (Date TBD) – Joint Picnic with Gods House

Our parish along with Gods House's congregation will be having a joint picnic on one of the Saturdays in September. The parish is currently looking for volunteers to help coordinate this event. For additional information regarding the picnic, please see a member of the Parish Council. Thank You!

Cleaning Teams: Today (July 14): Saint Alexis of Wilkes-Barre (John Spack, Debbie Kavalkovich, David Pellack).
Next Week (July 21): Saint Juvenaly (Jennifer Cantrell & Family, Ronald & Cherly Homa).

Fathers of the First Six Councils [July 14th]



The Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils.

In the Ninth Article of the Nicea-Constantinople Symbol of Faith proclaimed by the holy Fathers of the First and Second Ecumenical Councils, we confess our faith in “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.” By virtue of the catholic nature of the Church, an Ecumenical Council is the Church’s supreme authority, and possesses the competence

to resolve major questions of church life. An Ecumenical Council is comprised of archpastors and pastors of the Church, and representatives of all the local Churches, from every land of the “oikumene” (i.e. from all the whole inhabited world). The Orthodox Church acknowledges Seven Holy Ecumenical Councils:

The First Ecumenical Council (Nicea I) (May 29, and also on seventh Sunday after Pascha) was convened in the year 325 against the heresy of Arius, in the city of Nicea in Bithynia under Saint Constantine the Great, Equal of the Apostles.

The Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople I) (May 22) was convened in the year 381 against the heresy of Macedonias, by the emperor Theodosius the Great.

The Third Ecumenical Council (Ephesus) (September 9) was convened in the year 431 against the heresy of Nestorius, in the city of Ephesus by the emperor Theodosius the Younger.

The Fourth Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon) (July 16) was convened in the year 451, against the Monophysite heresy, in the city of Chalcedon under the emperor Marcian.

The Fifth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople II) (July 25) “Concerning the Three Chapters,” was convened in the year 553, under the emperor Justinian the Great.

The Sixth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople III) (January 23) met during the years 680-681, to fight the Monothelite heresy, under the emperor Constantine Pogonatos.

The fact that the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II) is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today’s celebration. The Seventh Council, commemorated on the Sunday nearest to October 11, was convened at Nicea in the year 787 against the Iconoclast heresy, under the emperor Constantine and his mother Irene.

The Church venerates the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils because Christ has established them as “lights upon the earth,” guiding us to the true Faith. “Adorned with the robe of truth,” the doctrine of the Fathers, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, has established one faith for the Church. The Ecumenical Councils, are the highest authority in the Church. Such Councils, guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and accepted by the Church, are infallible.